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A HOUSE OF MOURNING.

BENEATH THE GAY EXTERIOR of a holiday celebration Tonopah mourned silently with the stricken father and brothers of Captain Kenneth D. Booth, the gallant Nevada boy, who made the supreme sacrifice for his country. While the orator of the day, the venerable Senator Bell, was lost his first boy to the cause, was delivering an eulogy on the devotion and bravery of those who had gone to the defense of their country in the hour of distress; another family was sorrowing in the bereaved home which was to have welcomed the return of a son after an absence of two years. Filled with hardships and toiling with acts of devotion the annals of that relatively short time remain to soften the asperity of the blow which was all the greater coming at such a time, without preparation or anticipation. The arrival of Captain Booth was momentarily expected and the friends of the gallant lad had been advised that they would soon be able to grasp his hands and cheer him to speedy recovery from injuries sustained in the line of duty. Not a single ugly premonition occurred to banish the thought of a warm welcome and a happy reunion for one who was expected to grace the town where he developed into manhood, even though he came home on crutches testifying to a bravery and loyalty which never shirked the responsibilities assumed when he faced the issues of war. His homecoming was to be an event in the history of the camp where his cheerful presence and ready sympathy so often found expression through the columns of the Bonanza and, without any reservation it may be stated that few homes where the sad news was circulated did not feel a sorrow almost as keen as that which mounded the household of the editor of the Bonanza. This first expression was one of sympathy with the sturdy father whose lessons in loyalty and patriotism found such masterly expression in the conduct of a boy who dared the Hun at his worst and survived the hell-stricken battlefield to fall a victim to the grim reaper when so many hundreds of thousands of his companions were steadily streaming across the stormy ocean to the embraces of their native homelands. The more intimate friends of the family also thought of the brave little widow and her two fatherless children whose rompings on the sunny slopes of Alameda Bay were so graciously interrupted by the grisly messenger of death. The beloved member of the Grim Reaper with the ashen pallor of the grave came when least expected, when the little ones and their mother were indulging in prospects of a patriotic demonstration that was to be the prelude to the glad greetings of father and husband whose ship was supposed to be nearing the enfolding arms of the great Liberty statue at the gateway of New York. This was the one Fourth of July in their infantile lives that would ever be remembered as the forerunner of the coming of the protector whose mission had been accomplished and who was returning home to hear the almost forgotten music of his offspring form the sweetest expression ever uttered—"Daddy, dear Daddy" as their baby lips pressed their affectionate imprint on the face of the intrepid young soldier. It was a terrible awakening on the eve of the Victory Fourth to have the bitter cup of bereavement thrust into the household. The mother and her helpless bairns will have the deepest sympathy of relatives and friends in California and Nevada.

The delayed news of the death is another shocking arraignment of the inefficiency or ingratitude of the administration war board. The life of an officer who won his honors in action was not deemed worth the price of a cablegram to inform the family of the untimely ending of a citizen soldier who gave the best that was in him to his country and robbed his own family of the paternal solicitude which comes only once in a lifetime. Some one was responsible for suppressing the news of the death of this lone American boy in a strange land and no efforts will be spared to find why this should have happened while the cables and telegraph lines were open for the transmission of facts that would have mitigated the blow.

FAITH OF MINING INVESTORS.

IN VIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENTS on the Belcher and Belcher Extension Divide Mining companies it is gratifying to learn the faith demonstrated by one man who ranks as high as any capitalist on the continent when it comes to mining investments. The pioneer of eastern investors is Sherwood Aldrich whose name is linked with half a dozen others identified with the development of the porphyry coppers and great lode copper mining companies whose talent for organizing placed the United States at the head of the copper industry. Mr. Aldrich has mining interests in almost every western state, his industrial activities extend the length of two continents and the products of the interests he captains range into the hundreds of millions annually. He is the man who expressed faith in the Divide district at a time when little that was favorable was heard outside well informed circles in Nevada. Mr. Aldrich had been watching the star of the Divide slowly climb the financial firmament and his interest was aroused. He began to inquire. His inquiries met with the usual cynical reference to Nevada mines not going to depth; he was told they were a surface enrichment that would be dissipated with digging; he was informed by eminent engineers that high grade ores never made an enduring mine and he was fed up on that sort of stuff that all

eastern engineers force on their principals to conceal the density of their own ignorance. In fact of this array of opinion Mr. Aldrich never wavered or receded from his personal conviction that the Tonopah Divide would be the scene of the next greatest mining excitement, and with this idea firmly fixed in his mind he instructed Mr. Andrew Walz, one of his most reliable and tested engineers, to survey the new field and inform him of the opportunities which he believed existed. The engineer reported favorably. Furthermore he reported the time was ripe for investment and that he had tentatively arranged options on groups of claims that ranked with the best known properties. What was better, the visiting engineer reported that Mr. Wingfield and Mr. Brongher would welcome eastern capital by taking a substantial interest in any of their undertakings. Mr. Aldrich replied: "If Wingfield Brongher are with us, go ahead." That was all there was to one of the most important transactions that ever occurred in Nevada. The deal was consummated without further ado. These captains of industry, representing east and west, understood one another and new influences were injected into the Divide to stabilize values while others are finding out that legitimate mining business is as safe as running a corner grocery on a cash basis.

GOSPEL LIGHTS IN THE ARCTIC

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) JUNE 10, Alaska, June 10.—Far away outposts of the English church in isolated interior and coast points of Alaska will be visited this summer by two Episcopal church officials, the Rt. Rev. Peter Trimble Rowe, bishop of Alaska, and Archdeacon Hudson Stuck, dean of the Yukon.

The ensign of the cross has been planted by these two men at many points in this northland, from the south to Point Barrow, the "corner of the continent" and around the coast fringing the Arctic. Aided by a faithful band of men and women workers they have welded together a great chain of missions and are known throughout Alaska for their tireless work of carrying the work of the gospel into the far lands. Their arrival in the camps and missions will be the signal for welcome festivities.

Rev. Rowe is known to his friends as "The Bishop of All Outdoors." He has been laboring in Alaska since his appointment as bishop in 1895, several years even before the gold rush drew thousands here in search of wealth. Bishop Rowe has covered thousands and thousands of northern miles, by dog team in winter and by river boats in summer. Shooting rapids, breaking trails, "mushing" for mile on mile in the half-light of winter are all old experiences to him. Bishop Rowe makes his home in Seattle.

Archdeacon Hudson Stuck, writer, tourist, mountain climber and authority on water Alaskan, makes his home at the Episcopal mission and hospital at Port Yukon, Alaska, just inside the Arctic circle. Archdeacon Stuck is credited with being the first man to reach the top of Mt. McKinley, the highest mountain on the North American continent.

The launch Pelican has carried Bishop Rowe and Archdeacon Stuck over the waters of nearly every inland river in Alaska. The two will use the launch on their inspection trip this year.

BRITISH MAKERS JEALOUS OF THEIR TRADE MARKS

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) LONDON, June 15.—British silver manufacturers are seeking means of stopping the use of their hall marks by electro plating firms in the United States.

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ted States, says the American chamber of commerce here.

It is also understood that the advisory committee of the city of Sheffield is taking up the question of the use of the word "Sheffield" in connection with American manufacturers. An anticipated difficulty is pointed out in the fact that there are at least nine Sheffield in the United States from which many of the American firms may derive their name. It is suggested, however, that they should add the letters, "U. S. A." to the name.

EPIDEMIC OF ROBBERY WITH ENGLISH FIRMS

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) LONDON, June 15.—"Knocking off" a term used by soldiers to describe pilfering of army stores, is said to be becoming epidemic in British business life. Exporting firms complain of an alarming increase in thefts of goods sent overseas. In one shipment recently goods valued at \$2500 were stolen between the warehouse and the docks. Anything to wear or eat disappears like magic, said an exporter, adding: "A great impetus seems to have been given to the 'knocking off' habit by the war."

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MILLION LEFT WITH A STRING

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) LONDON, June 15.—Under the will of the late C. W. Wallace, an Indian merchant, \$1,250,000 is left to the British government in the event of his son's failing to acquire "a baronetcy or superior title."

The testator's only surviving son, Captain W. W. Wallace, has not received a baronetcy and the executors are seeking to set aside the

clause in the will on the ground that it is opposed to public policy. Such wills, they contend, embarrass officers of the crown in the distribution of honors and induce other persons concerned to adopt improper means to obtain titles.

A rabbit has no brains worth mentioning and when it is pursued it runs around in a circle. A good many folks are rabbits.

About every boy wishes he could be a traveling salesman and nearly all traveling salesmen wish they could stay at home.

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